

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLEASANTON
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
August 28, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Energy and Environment was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Steve Motzko, Robert Jayson, Sophia Holbrook and Brett Illers

Absent: None

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Opening remarks by Chair, Steve Motzko.
Steve encouraged the committee to gather ideas for next years' work plan. First Wednesday Street Fair is on September 4th.

Daniel confirmed the Pleasanton Green Scene website is still live and will continue to be updated as needed.

Daniel introduced Craig Higgins to the committee, and shared that the new Assistant Director, Kathleen Yurchak, will co-chair the Energy and the Environment Committee.

2. The April 24, 2013 meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Hollbrook, seconded by Illers. All were in favor.
3. Committee vacancies and recruiting:
Daniel reminded the committee that we need 4 to have a quorum. The city continues to recruit for additional members. To add an additional youth member, staff would have to go back to council for approval, which the committee and staff are not opposed to doing.
4. Guest presentation on Solar BigBelly Trash Compactors (Freddy Estrella):
Two representatives from BigBelly and a representative from Waxie updated the committee on the use of the BigBelly Trash compactors in town. The city currently has 5 units in use, purchased with grant monies. City staff will gather data over the next few months, to figure out if more units should be purchased.

BigBelly has over 20,000 units in place worldwide. Their website allows one to see how full the compactors are, and alerts when the unit is close to needing to be serviced and/or emptied. The batteries may need replacement every 3-4 years, while the solar unit only requires 5-10 minutes of sunlight per day. The units hold about five times capacity, due to compacting. The units can be moved as needed throughout the city.

5. Pleasanton Green Scene Fair Booth – September 4, 2013:
The fourth annual event will start at 6:00p.m. The committee has volunteered to help at the Fair Booth. The city has many divisions represented at the Street Fair, including Transportation, Water Conservation, Recycled Water and Storm Water.

6. LED Street Light Project and Public Meeting:

Daniel shared that the city is working on placing LED lights all over town. All regular street lights, decorative lights and park lighting are included. This will be a capital improvement project that will be presented to the city council on September 17th. Afterwards, we will reach out to the public for input. Daniel has asked the committee to be present at the council meeting and at public outreach meetings.

LED lights are brighter, yet dimmable. The project will be completed in three phases. Costs of the project are \$2,000,000 and will take about 6 months to complete. City has secured a 1% loan to finance the project, with PG&E rebates estimating around \$435,000.

LED lights reduce energy and costs, improve the quality of lighting and reduce carbon emissions immediately. Lights will have a 10 year guarantee.

Busch Road currently has LED lights in place, during the testing phase.

7. Landscape Design Specification Project:

City Staff is currently working on a Landscape Design Specification Project for commercial and residential use, to enhance our water recycling program.

On October 1st, staff will go to council with the project. Staff will then bring the project back to the Energy Committee for support and to assist in presenting to other city commissions, before returning to council for final approval.

8. Staff comments:

We have a new Assistant Director coming on board at the Operations Services Center. Her name is Kathleen Yurchak. Kathleen will co-chair the Energy Committee.

Motzco asked about a previous agenda item that was removed. Outreach Events. Daniel shared that the committee has many events to get through this year. Item will be placed on agenda at a later date for ideas for events for 2014.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

None

MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

None

REPORTS ON CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Jayson, seconded by Holbrook. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Lozano